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Federal Communications Commission

445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WT 11-65

To the Esteemed Commissioners of the FCC:

I write to you today regarding AT&T's recent purchase of T-Mobile.

For over ninety years, The East Hartford Chamber of Commerce, a membership based organization representing a diverse number of businesses within the East Hartford community, has successfully encouraged the development of businesses and enhanced the growing needs of the local business community. On behalf of the chamber and the broader East Hartford community, I would like to communicate my support for AT&T's recently announced merger with T-Mobile and strongly encourage you to support it going forward.

With members ranging from small businesses to large operations, manufacturers to professional firms, retail stores to restaurants, I recognize the diverse challenges that individual business owners face on a daily basis. While no two businesses are exactly the same, one common challenge faced by nearly everyone I speak with is the need for safe, reliable communication capabilities. Today, the members I represent rely more than ever on mobile networks to keep their businesses running smoothly, efficiently and successfully. In light of this, I urge you to recognize the importance of the improvements AT&T's announced merger with T-Mobile will provide to the existing mobile infrastructure.

Regarding the specifics of the proposed AT&T/ T-Mobile Merger, I am confident that the announced merger falls in line with my organizations mission to help our members leverage all available resources to develop and grow successful businesses. The combined network capabilities of AT&T and T-Mobile will deliver improved mobile broadband coverage that will in turn decrease dead spots and drop-zones, increased mobile download speeds and dramatically expanded 4G technology. Improved communication networks and increased wireless broadband capability will only help businesses to develop more efficient, streamline and competitive practices to better serve their patrons.

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I believe this acquisition will directly contribute to improved mobile connectivity and lead to economic development, innovation and community growth throughout the region.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron Pugliese', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Ron Pugliese
President
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